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Committee on Labor and Public Relations
Connecticut General Assembly

Re: HB 5059 An Act Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Assessors

Honorable Assembly Committee Members:

Concerning Section 1. and 1(b) of the proposed Bill one must question what problems are being addressed by the raising of this bill. The passage of this Bill would add yet another "Unfunded Mandate" by the Assembly. Town Meetings cost money to properly Notice, as well as the cost of the facilities! Added to that cost is the expensive cost of Legal proceedings if a Municipality has a need to replace an Assessor.

The Town of Ledyard is blessed with an outstanding Assessor. However, other Municipalities may not be as fortunate. Section 1 also indicates that the Assessor only would have the power to staff the office. What possible circumstance would lead the Assembly to believe that Municipalities do not have the common sense or skill to seek qualified and competent "clerical and other assistance" to staff an Assessors office? Notwithstanding a satisfactory explanation, I can only conclude that this proposed legislation is both unnecessary and faulty in its design.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Rep Tom Reynolds